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OF THE



QUEBEC MEDICAL SOCIETY.

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LIST
OF THE
Physicians and Surgeons
OF THE
CITY AND DISTRICT OF QUEBEC,
WHO ARE
PERMANENT MEMBERS.

- 1826,
Decr. 4. Ant. G. Couillard,
Joseph Painchaud,
Joseph Morrin,
Charles N. Perrault,
James Douglass,
Xavier Tessier,
John Clark,
1827, John Whitelaw,
Feby. 5. John Rowley,
George Roberts,
March 5. S. W. H. Leslie,
Etienne Drolette,
June 4. William Larue,
François J. Séguin,
Decr. 3. Jean Blanchet,
1828,
July 7. William A. Hall,
1829,
Decr. 7. Edmund B. O'Callaghan.

LIST
OF THE
HONORARY MEMBERS.

1828,

July 7....Drs. William Zollickoffer, Baltimore,

“ Etienne P. Taché, Canada,

1829,

March 2... “ John C. Warren, Boston,

“ Thomas Sewall, Washington,

April 6.... “ T. Romeyn Beck, ~~Baltimore~~,

Albany

August 3.. “ Thomas Davis, London,

“ Xavier Tessier, New-York.

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OF THE
MEDICAL SOCIETY.

I.

THAT the Members present do hereby constitute themselves into a permanent Association, to be hereafter designated under the name and denomination of **THE QUEBEC MEDICAL SOCIETY**, the sole object of which is, and shall always be, the dissemination and improvement of the various branches of Medical Science, viz :—Natural History, Botany, Chemistry, Pharmacy, Materia Medica, Physic, Surgery, Anatomy, Physiology, Medical Jurisprudence, Medical Police, and the Obstetric Arts.

II.

That this Society shall hold its sittings on the first Monday of every month, to which all Members shall duly and regularly attend, except on urgent business; in case it be a holyday, the sitting will be held the next day.

III.

That no person, except the Members and Honorary Members, shall, under any pretence whatever, attend any of the sittings, unless especially introduced by the President or the Vice-President, the Secretary, and one of the Members; but such person thus introduced, shall not be allowed to take any part in the proceedings of the Society.

IV.

That one President and one Vice-President be appointed annually, at every annual sitting, which shall be held on the first Monday of December of every year, which appointments shall be made by a majority of the votes present.

V.

That the duty of the President shall be, to preside at every sitting, and to maintain order and decorum; he will be allowed to take a part in the debates like all other Members, and at the expiration of his office, shall deliver to the Society an Address on some Medical subject, which shall become the first order of the day, after the minutes of the last meeting shall have been read; and all such Addresses shall be kept as Records of the Society, to be published by its order.

VI.

That the duty of the Vice-President shall be, to preside in the absence of the President, subject to the same observance, and endowed with the same privileges as the President himself; the same rule to be observed, whenever, in the absence of both, any other member shall take the chair; but when the President shall attend, the Vice-President shall then take his seat with the other Members of the Society.

VII.

That a Secretary be named, whose appointment shall be perpetual, and in case of his resignation or death, his successor shall be appointed by a majority of three-fourths of all the Members of the Society. His duty shall be, to preserve all Records, Documents, and Transactions of the Society; to correspond on the part of the Society, with all Medical Societies, Universities, Academies, Colleges, or other Medical or Scientific Associations or Bodies in any country, or with any individual out of the Society, whenever such correspondence or connexion may appear convenient and practicable, or otherwise useful to the objects of the Society.

VIII.

That all Communications, Documents, Papers, Presents, or other objects which may be forwarded or presented to the Society, by or in behalf of any Medical or other Scientific Association, body or individual, or by any person whether a permanent or honorary member, who shall not communicate it personally, shall be addressed to the Secretary, who will submit them to the Society in a due form; or such may be presented by any one of the Members, in behalf of such Association, body or individual; except where the object shall be a regular or essential document of the Society, in which case it shall be delivered into the hands of the Secretary, as the proper channel through which the Society should receive it in an official manner.

IX.

That no person shall become a permanent member of this Society, unless he shall have been proposed by one of the Members at a monthly sitting, to be ballotted at the ensuing meeting; and if two-thirds of the votes be affirmative, such person shall become a Member, and if less than that number, he shall be rejected. Provided always, that the Member proposing him, shall shew to the satisfaction of the Society, that such person is a qualified Practitioner, according to the intent and meaning of the Laws of this Province, and that he is actually in practice or residing in, or within a distance of twelve miles of, the city of Quebec.

X.

That no person shall become an Honorary Member, unless he shall have been proposed at a monthly sitting, to be ballotted at the ensuing meeting, and a majority of the votes present shall be sufficient to admit him, otherwise he shall be rejected.

XI.

That whenever a person shall have been rejected after having been ballotted, he shall not be again proposed within the space of one year, but if such person should have been rejected for the

want of any of the above qualifications, he shall never be proposed a second time, unless it be satisfactorily proved that he has since acquired such qualification.

XII.

That whenever the President, or the Vice-President shall not attend, the senior Member present shall preside *ad interim*.

XIII.

That it shall be the duty of every Member to present alternately a paper on some Medical subject. The senior Member shall begin, and at every subsequent meeting, each other Member shall follow his example from his seniority, and thus in rotation. The President, Vice-President and Secretary, or all other officers of the Society shall also be included in this performance. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice, at every meeting, to the Member whose duty it shall be to present his paper, and in case of such person being absent at the meeting when his paper is to be presented to the Society, he shall cause the same to be delivered in time to the Secretary who will then read it in his place ; and all such papers shall become the first order of the day after the minutes of the last meeting shall have been read. They shall also be kept as records of the Society, to be published by its order.

XIV.

That the modes of voting on any resolution shall be the signal voting and the balloting. The signal voting shall be dictated by the President, and it shall be competent for the Society to use that mode of voting with the unanimous consent of all Members present ; and the balloting shall be had recourse to on the call of one of the Members, who shall not be bound to give any explanation for so doing. The balloting shall be in such a manner as every one may give his vote in secrecy ; and when the votes are all given, the Secretary shall then collect and report them in the presence of all the Members, and enter the same accordingly in the Minutes. Provided always, that in all cases where the name of one Medical or other gentleman may have been mentioned, who may be at all interested in the event of the resolution, no other mode of voting shall be adopted on all such occasions, than

the balloting. Except when it shall be necessary to appoint a President, Vice-President, or any officer which the Society may think proper to appoint in future, in which case every Member shall give his vote separately in writing to the Secretary, who will then declare the person or persons named or appointed.

XV.

That four Members, including a President and the Secretary, shall constitute a Quorum, competent for transacting all affairs and business of the Society.

XVI.

That it shall be competent for the Society to determine, at any future period and by a majority of the votes present, the propriety of raising a subscription fee from all the Members in order to procure plates, printings, stationery, books, pamphlets, or any other article required for its use, or for the further and proper execution of its object.

XVII.

That no conversation, discussion or motion bearing on any political or other subject foreign to any of the objects of the Society, as mentioned in the above Resolutions, shall, at any future period of its existence, be allowed during any of its sittings ; and in case of the person thus proposing such conversation, discussion or motion, refusing to obey the call to order by the President, he shall immediately be dismissed from the Society, and declared incapable and unfit to be again proposed as one of its Members.

XVIII.

That no other right or privilege than those provided for in these Resolutions, shall ever be understood to be invested on any of the Members and officers of this Society, whether they relate to any right or immunity appertaining to any one, in whatever capacity he may be acting ; or whether they refer to any species of control of opinion or person over any one of the Members, who are all to be considered as perfectly independent of one another, but one is to be dependent on the whole, in as much only as it will be essential to the maintenance of order, decency, and decorum.

XIX.

That it shall be competent for the Society to appoint at discretion, Committees for inquiring and reporting on any subject which the Society might, at any time, think proper to investigate; which Committees shall be appointed in the same manner as provided for with regard to all other officers of the Society; they shall in all their proceedings strictly conform themselves to all the rules and regulations of the Society, subject to the same observance and endowed with the same privileges as the Society itself, in as much as may be necessary to good order and decorum, or to the prosecution of their labour. Provided always that, whenever any question shall arise which may relate to any prerogative or to the interpretation of any of these rules and by-laws, they shall proceed no further but call an extraordinary meeting of the Society, and lay before it the question of difficulties at issue, upon which the Society shall proceed and determine according to the literal and true meaning of these rules and by-laws.

XX.

That it shall be competent for any two Members to call an extraordinary meeting of the Society, by applying and submitting their reasons to the Secretary, who shall then make them known to the President, whose duty it shall be to give immediate order to the Secretary to call such extraordinary meeting, dictating also the time when it shall be held.

XXI.

That it shall be in the power of any one of the Members, to introduce any one of his friends and acquaintances at all annual sittings of the Society, but such person thus introduced shall not be allowed to take any part in the proceedings or transactions of the Society.

XXII.

That no proposal or motion tending to alter, destroy or amend any of these rules and by-laws, either in their tenure, meaning, or effect, shall be proposed to this Society, before the expiration of five years from this date; and any such proposal or motion then made, shall be delivered in writing, and deposited with the

Society for the inspection of the Members, during the space of three months, before the Society shall proceed upon it : and all such proposals or motions shall be adopted by a majority of three-fourths of all the Members of the Society, Members absent being allowed to vote by proxy, or by sending their vote in writing to the Secretary ; and should it be once rejected by the want of such majority, it shall not be again proposed.

XXIII.

That it shall be competent for the Society to make and adopt, at any future period, such Rules and Regulations, or appoint such additional officers, as may be considered useful ; and all Resolutions once adopted, shall not be liable to be altered or repealed before the lapse of twelve months from the date of their adoption. Provided always, that all such proposed motions or regulations shall be consonant with the true spirit and meaning of these rules and by-laws.

ADDITIONS

TO THE

BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY.

Adopted in 1829 and 1830.

I.

That all the Members of the Society, present and future, will form the Auxiliary Branch of "*The London Vaccine Institution*" as established in this City, and that all Honorary Members of the Mother Institution shall become Honorary Members of the said Auxiliary Branch.

II.

That the Anniversary Meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Monday of December, each year, at the Society's Rooms, at 3 o'clock, P. M. to be followed by a Dinner on the same evening.

III.

Any Member remaining absent for three monthly meetings in succession, without assigning a cause in writing to the Secretary,

in order that he may lay the same before the Society for their information, shall be considered, as expelled from the Society.

IV.

That the Secretary will apply to the gentleman whose turn it may be to read a paper at a monthly meeting, for the subject on which he intends to treat, in order that he may notify the same to each Member in the Circular Note.

V.

Any Member addressing the Society will do so, standing.

VI.

Such Members as are Subscribers to Periodical Publications, are requested to send such Publications to the Society's Rooms, for perusal.

VII.

No person can be proposed as a Member of the Society, unless he shall have resided in Quebec at least, twelve months.

VIII.

Each Member will be called upon for his Monthly Paper according to his standing, in the Society.

IX.

At each monthly meeting, as soon as the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall have been read, the Society will attend to the reading of the Monthly Paper, which paper shall be left at the Society's Rooms in charge of the Secretary.

X.

Every Member, newly elected, on his entering the Society, shall pay in aid of its funds the sum of one pound currency, independent of the Annual Contribution to the same amount, and the Secretary shall then present him with a copy of the Laws of the Society.

XI.

The Monthly Meetings shall commence at 6 o'clock, P. M. from the first of November to the first of May in winter, and at seven o'clock, P. M. from the first of May to the first of November in summer.

XII.

Corresponding Members shall be subject to the same mode of election as a Permanent Member.

XIII.

No Member present at any Meeting of the Society shall be allowed to leave the Room (previous to the Meeting being adjourned) without leave from the President.

REGULATIONS

RESPECTING

The Librarian and Curator.

I.

He shall attend an hour before each meeting of the Society, to see that the Room be comfortable and every thing within it placed in the greatest order.

II.

He shall be allowed to be present at all the sittings of the Society, but shall not participate in the debates, and he shall make it a point of honor never to mention what he may have heard within the walls of the Society.

III.

It shall be his duty to see that all the Preparations in the Museum be kept in the best order.

IV.

He shall be provided by the Society with a Book in which he shall make an entry of every Preparation with the number of it, giving as far as possible a full and clear description of each.

V.

It shall be his duty to enter into a Book which shall be given to him to that effect, every Preparation or Book which shall be presented to the Society, with the name of the Donor.

VI.

He shall apply to the Treasurer for the amount of any sum of money he may want to defray the above expenses.

RULES and REGULATIONS for the purpose of establishing *étiquette* and professional intercourse among the Members of the Medical Society.

Any Member of the Medical Society, who may violate any of the following Rules and Regulations, and upon conviction thereof, before the said Society, shall be expelled.

I.

If a Physician be called to any member of a family in the absence of the family Physician, on the arrival of the latter, the patient shall be resigned by the former.

II.

When a Physician engaged to attend a case of midwifery, is absent, and a second delivers the woman, the latter shall receive the fee, and relinquish the patient to the first on his arrival. If the first arrive while the second is present, and before the woman be delivered, the second shall retire, and resign the patient to the first.

III.

No Physician shall directly or indirectly interfere in the practice of a brother Physician or Surgeon, or give opinion in any manner concerning a case, knowing him to be in attendance, unless it be during his absence and in cases of emergency.

IV.

In consultations, it shall be the duty of the consulting Physician to enter the sick room and investigate the case *in company* with the attending Physician, and shall leave the room immediately after having obtained such information as may be required to decide on the case. All directions agreed upon shall be left to the charge of the attending Physician.

No statements or discussion of the case shall take place in the *presence of the patient or his friends*; and no opinions at variance with the plan agreed upon shall ever be promulgated. Punctuality shall always be observed in the visits, and no visits shall be made by the *consulting Physician*, but in concert, or by mutual consent; except in cases of emergency when the attending Physician cannot be readily procured.

OFFICERS
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Elected December 1826.

Joseph Morrin, President,
C. N. Perrault, Vice-President,
Xavier Tessier, Secretary.

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Joseph Painchaud, Vice-President,
Samuel W. H. Leslie, Secretary.

Elected December 1829.

Joseph Painchaud, President,
William A. Hall, Vice-President,
S. W. H. Leslie, Secretary,
Joseph Morrin. Treasurer,
John Maxham, Librarian and Curator.

DISSERTATIONS

READ BEFORE THE SOCIETY

IN THE YEAR 1827.

- 1.—On the progress of Medicine—By *Joseph Painchaud*.
- 2.—On the successful employment of Ergot in promoting Uterine action—By *Ant. G. Couillard*.
- 3.—On the History of Vaccine in Canada—By *Joseph Morrin*.
- 4.—On Mania—By *C. N. Perrault*.
- 5.—On the Utility of a thorough knowledge of Anatomy to the Physician—By *John Rowley*.
- 6.—On the Disease termed Charbon, as it actually prevails on the Island of Orleans, District of Quebec—By *John Clark*.
- 7.—On Tetanus—By *James Douglass*.
- 8.—On Pulmonary Disease and Premature Puberty—By *Xavier Tessier*.
- 9.—On Uterine Hæmorrhage—By *William Larue*.
- 10.—On Cupping.—By *François J. Seguin*.
- 11.—On an Anomalous case of the Dislocation of the Shoulder Joint—By *G. Roberts*.
- 12.—Annual Address, Medical subject,—State of Medicine and Surgery since the Conquest of Canada—By *Joseph Morrin*, President.

DISSERTATIONS

READ BEFORE THE SOCIETY

IN THE YEAR 1828:



- 1.—On Cephalalgia—By *Etienne Drolet*.
- 2.—On Diffusive Cellular Inflammation—By *John Whitelaw*.
- 3.—On the Effects of Iodine in Bronchocele—By *Jean Blanchet*.
- 4.—On Tubercular Disease—By *Samuel W. H. Leslie*.
- 5.—On the Management of the Placenta—By *Joseph Painchaud*.
- 6.—On the Retention of the Placenta—By *Joseph Morrin*.
- 7.—On Continued Fever as it existed in Quebec in the years 1823, 1824, and 1825—By *C. N. Perrault*.
- 8.—On Fungus Hæmatodes—By *William Hall*.
- 9.—On Delirium Tremens—By *John Rowley*.
- 10.—On Wounds of the Spine—By *Jean Blanchet*.
- 11.—On Superfoetation—By *Joseph Painchaud*.
- 12.—Annual Address, Medical subject,—The Advancement lately made in Medical Science in Canada.—By *Joscp^h Morrin*, President.

DISSERTATIONS

READ BEFORE THE SOCIETY

IN THE YEAR 1829.



- 1.—On the Management of retained Placenta as deduced from Practical Observations—By *George Roberts*.
- 2.—On Charbon—(continued)—By *John Clark*.
- 3.—Osteo-Sarcoma, Case of—By *James Douglass*.
- 4.—On Continued Fever as it existed in the Quebec Emigrants Hospital, 1828.—By *Samuel W. H. Leslie*.
- 5.—On Wounds of the Abdomen—By *Etienne Drolet*.
- 6.—On Pessaries—By *Joseph Painchaud*.
- 7.—On a remarkable Case of Intussusception—By *Ant. G. Couillard*.
- 8.—On the Antiquity of Epidemics and the Existence of Inter-mittent fevers in the District of Quebec—By *Joseph Morrin*.
- 9.—On Fever—(continued)—By *C. N. Perrault*.
- 10.—On Charbon—(conclusion)—By *John Clark*.
- 11.—On Delirium Tremens—By *James Douglass*.
- 12.—Annual Address, Medical subject,—The St. Paul's Bay Disease, District of Quebec—By *C. N. Perrault*, President.

DIPLOMA

OF THE

Quebec Medical Society.

OMNES HOMINES

*quibus pervenerint hæ literæ
discant.*

SOCIETATEM MEDICAM QUEBECENSEM ex desiderio artem medicinalem, his in partibus colendi, ———
——— Propter summam ejus intelligentiam et in re medicâ experientiam præcipuè commendatum, numero suorum hodiè adscripsisse.

QUAPROPTER ego, Præses, consociis annuentibus, ———
——— omnes honores, dignitates et societatis privilegia contuli, cujus, in testimonio rei sigillum commune et autographum meum his literis apposui.

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——— Secy.

——— Præses.